GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT
LOK SABHA

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NATIONAL MEANS-CUM-MERIT SCHOLARSHIP
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Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Union Government has launched the National Means-Cum-Merit Scholarship Scheme;

(b) if so, the details thereof along with the number of students benefited so far under the Scheme and the criteria fixed for the same; and

(c) the amount earmarked/allocated for the purpose,State and Union Territory-wise?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTYRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI M.A.A. FATMI)

(a)and(b) Finance Minister in his budget Speech on 28.02.2007 has announced a National Means-cum-Merit Scholarship Scheme for students studying in Classes IX to XII.The scheme envisages award of one lakh new scholarships every year at the rate of Rs. 6000 per annum based on a selection test.No student has benefited under the Scheme so far.

(c) No fund has been earmarked to individual States.